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Re: Docket No. 98N-1038

To Whom it may concern:

I am a concerned citizen of the United States. We have farmed since 1961 so we have been very close to food production and the many concerns connected with good healthy eating. The people that I come in contact with are in complete agreement with myself that if the food we buy has been treated by irradiation we have a right to know this information. Labels should be clearly stated and accompanied by the radura, the international symbol of irradiated food. The word "pasteurization" is very misleading because this is an entirely different process.

The requirement of printing irradiation treated foods with a label stating that the food has received this treatment must remain a very vital part of the FDA food labeling requirements. The general public must continue to have a choice of whether they will buy irradiated food or not to buy the food. They have their families well-being in their hands and the responsibility is theirs for feeding and caring for them.

Sincerely,

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